

storm, initial damage assessment reports. Communication is facilitated via Starcom21, public service frequencies as well as ham radio.

### Rehab Support



Provides support for on-scene rehabilitation of first responders, ensuring that their physical and mental well-being does not deteriorate, negatively affecting safety and performance. Rehab provides an area for rest, rehydration and medical evaluation of responders during an incident. In case of inclement weather, Rehab will make provisions to protect response personnel from the elements. Volunteers from EMA and the Medical Reserve Corps work together to assist emergency response agencies throughout the county.

### Support Division

This division is responsible for behind-the-scenes support for all other EMA divisions. It consists of three units: Facilities, Ground Support and Supply. The Facilities unit is responsible for EOC, vehicles, trailers and generators under EMA control. This unit ensures that all equipment is always available and in fully operational state. Monthly inspection and equipment testing is performed for 15+ vehicles and the EOC. The Ground Support Unit is responsible for materials used by EMA divisions as part of their deployments. This includes maintenance of portable radios and batteries, and providing and maintaining safety clothing and equipment for the Search and Rescue and Rehab divisions. The Supply Unit works with EMA staff to procure required supplies needed to support volunteers, along with maintaining a detailed inventory and storage of supplies.

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## Our Mission

McHenry County EMA's mission is to provide resources to the community to develop a Culture of Preparedness against natural, man-made and technological hazards through education, training, and partnership programs and by providing resource coordination, expertise and leadership before and during a disaster. We are a value driven organization committed to the development and sustainment of a Disaster Resilient Community through an all hazards, risk based approach.



## Coordinating Council

Coordinating Council is an organization and an open forum that gives each of its members the ability to act independently, but collaboratively, provide and implement its resources when responding to disasters. Coordinating council is



committed to the philosophy that the time to train, prepare, and become acquainted with each other is best achieved prior to the time of actual disaster response.

The McHenry County Coordinating Council meets on a regular basis to plan for and to educate the members about how they may service their community during and after a disaster. The organization seeks to prevent the duplication of efforts by coordinating the availability of needed services in all types of disasters.

## EMA Volunteers

**Volunteers make a difference!** Our agency heavily depends on volunteer divisions to prepare for, respond to and recover from the impacts of disasters. Volunteer divisions are open to all residents of McHenry County. After going through the application process and completing the training and probationary period, volunteers will be issued uniform shirts and an identification badge.

### Mass Care

This division's primary focus is protection of evacuees and other disaster victims from the effects of the disaster. Activities include

coordination of temporary shelters, food, medical care, clothing, and other essential life support needs to the people who have been displaced because of an ongoing or an impending disaster.

### Ground Search and Rescue (SAR)



SAR team is entirely composed of volunteer professionals with a wide range of abilities and expertise and is available upon request to help anywhere in McHenry County, state-wide or beyond. SAR team members are trained in crime scene preservation, evidence searches, ground search techniques, first aid and CPR. The team also has the ability to provide search incident management and is available to assist law enforcement and other public service agencies upon request.

### Communications & Weather



The Communications division's primary mission is to support communications needs of the McHenry County EMA and the communities within the county. This division is called upon in the event of a local or countywide communication failure or when additional trained communicators are needed. Weather division provides support during times of inclement weather by gathering weather spotting and post-storm, initial